

Thru the kindness of the moderator and members of the conference the Editor was permitted to present the claims of the Publishing House, and it is quite gratifying to note the interest manifested in all the work of the Publication Board. Unless we have mistaken the sentiments of the conference the church in Indiana expects to do its full share toward swelling the EVANGELIST subscription list to 3,000 the coming year. It was also our privilege to present the plan adopted by the Board of Trustees to raise an endowment for Ashland College. We are sure it is quite creditable to the conference that in twenty minutes time we raised \$2100. The people feel the need of the school and mean to stand by it, furnishing both money and students. In behalf of the Trustees the churches of Indiana have our thanks for this generous support.

We have not space to speak of the excellent plans adopted by the conference for the state work. It will appear in the report of the secretary. On the whole the conference was one of the best it has ever been our privilege to attend. The spirit manifested thru out was the Christlike spirit and there were many evidences of the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The early morning services were both interesting and profitable. There are other features of the conference we should like to speak of but our editorial space is about taken up. Thanks to the brethren and sisters of Indiana for the conference of 1899.

Heartless Demas

"On the anti Dreyfus side we find the entire Jesuit influence, joined to a solid army. To these must be added the shopkeepers of Paris and other cities who would much prefer that an innocent man would die on Devil's Island rather than that their receipts across the counter should be at all diminished."

This paragraph from a daily paper struck us as furnishing a vivid outline of the commercial spirit, which being essentially selfish is essentially heartless. Money making and humanitarianism are two distinct ideas. Demas doesn't care a snap who suffers if it helps to swell his receipts. All friendships are held to this. It is a well known adage, and a sound one in the estimation of many shrewd business men, that there are no friendships, and no sentiments, in business. We have known long friendships to be ruthlessly and summarily sundered for the sake of a few dollars. The love of money is truly a root of all evil. Infinite folly is one of the branches springing from that root. Cruelty is another. This love of money becomes so intense that it eats out the natural sanity of the judgment, and the victim loses the very object to which all his life and soul is de-

voted. The Paris shopkeepers are not an isolated class. Men the world over steel their hearts against all those better sentiments, of fraternity, of charity, of helpfulness, of culture, of religion, for fear that they will "cost money." If money was heaven, and heaven was money, no greater zeal, no more indefatigable perseverance could be exercised in getting hold of it. Sam Jones said that if we should get all the money there is and dump it into the sea, we could come back and quickly drive the devil from the world. It is no wonder that idealists who dream of the perfect commonwealth leave money entirely out of their social scheme. It is the perpetual and all powerful stimulus of selfishness, and selfishness is the essence of the fall. The gates of heaven will be flung wide for the hero who effectually conquers his love for money.

The Imperial Hand

In a recent speech the Emperor of Germany said: "I would impress upon the church dignitaries who exert such a powerful influence over our people, the duty of so working that regard for the Crown may become ever and ever stronger. For in these agitated times, when the spirit of unbelief is rampant, the Church's only hold is the imperial hand."

This speech was delivered in a Catholic district, and has sole reference to the Catholic church. The Kaiser, being a Lutheran, might be suspected of a sly sort of irony, for it may be said with considerable truth, from a Protestant standpoint, that the only thing the Catholic church has to hold by is the imperial hand. It has no other. The divine hand is evidently not leading or holding that iniquitous hierarchy. In all the dark ages of its bloody history it has held on to the mailed hand of secular power. Kings and rulers have been the agents and instruments of its fury against the true followers of Christ. When the imperial hand was withdrawn in 1870, the Pope quickly lost his temporal dominions. And ever since then he has been growling like a dog deprived of his bone. Yes the dignitaries of that church know very well what the imperial hand means to them, particularly in Europe where the imperial hand is strong, and more or less devoted to the papal interest. There are not wanting evidences that the growing Catholic church in this country regrets the absence of imperialism in our government. The Americanism of some of its most patriotic leaders has been severely rebuked by the Pope. That Americanism, it is true, had reference to the ingrafting of progressive religious ideas on the old Catholic tree, the result of a sort of religious democracy, which in principle is parallel to the intellectual and political freedom characteristic of our institutions. It didn't go down with the Pope at all. The

Kaiser has been charged with immense conceit because of that speech, but he knew what he was talking about. Nothing could have been more welcome to the "dignitaries" than assurance of imperial support, the thing which for ten centuries has been to them the very breath of life.

A Long Time Coming

George Washington had reasons to believe that his wish would be realized or fulfilled before the close of the nineteenth century, when he said:

My first wish is to see this plague to mankind (war) banished from the earth, and the sons and daughters of this world employed in more pleasing and innocent amusements than in preparing implements and exercising them for the destruction of mankind.

College Notes

For a week past we have had the most beautiful weather one could wish for. The students enjoyed it thoroughly. These fall days are finely adapted to provoke thought and study.

Our enrollment has now passed the half hundred mark. We are all rejoicing. The actual attendance is now 51. We are looking for others to come. Young people of the Brethren churches, how many of you will respond to the call to swell our number?

Our Sunday morning services are well attended. We have never had larger congregations than now. Our Sunday-school is also very interesting. Brother A. H. Lichty of Falls City, Neb., has just been chosen superintendent. And then I must tell of our Young People's Society. Our attendance is large. Recently we had forty one present. Brethren, pray for all our work here.

We also added four members to our church list. Two of this number were by letter from among the students. I baptized a young man who had been in school two terms last year. He came after due consideration to the conclusion that he could live out the Gospel principles better with our people than where he was. A young lady from the German Baptist church also united with us.

At the recent Indiana Conference Brother Gnagey secured \$2100 in endowment pledges. See his editorial. This shows what can be done for the College when the matter of our work is rightly presented. It also shows that the people of the church will support sincere and earnest effort. Who will be the next and the next to send in a pledge?

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SERMON ECHOES

LOUIS S. BAUMAN

The man that swears bites a naked hook.

Some young men are like bass,—mighty easily caught with paint and feathers.

The best evidence of Christianity is the Christ. The next best is the Christian himself.

The resurrection a mystery? That may be. But here I am! And if I am, I can be.

If you run across a fellow who "can't sin," steer clear of him. He ought to be in the penitentiary.

Divine healing is all right. But when it is of God, he always takes the devil out of the man before the disease.

A man may support missions, endow colleges, lavish gold upon charities, yea, he may be intellectually convinced as to the truth of Christianity and influenced by its spirit, but, "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his!" Solemn statement that!

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